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SUBJECT: ETHNIC CHINESE REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA

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1. EMBASSY POLITICAL AND CONSULAR COUNSELORS MADE JOINT CALL ON MOFA DIRECTOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS YU PENG SEPTEMBER 3 TO DESCRIBE UNHCR PROPOSAL AND TO MAKE THE APPEAL TO GROC ON BOAT CASES CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B. COUNSELORS STRESSED USG'S PRIORITY ATTENTION ON NEED TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE INDO-CHINA REFUGEE PROBLEM AND TO FIND LONG TERM RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, LATTER IN PARTICULAR BEING AN AREA IN WHICH GROC COULD MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION.

2. YU APPEARED TO RESPOND SYMPATHETICALLY TO HARING OF THE PROBLEM BUT SAID HE WOULD CLEARLY HAVE TO CONSULT WITH OTHER OFFICIALS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS BEFORE HE COULD GIVE US HIS CONSIDERED VIEWS. HE PROMISED TO GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH US IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN GENGERAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM YU SAID THAT DESPITE SEVERE TIGHTENING UP ON ENTRY OF REFUGEES DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN REF C PARA 5 BECAUSE OF SECURITY PROBLEMS, THAT SOME INDIVIDUAL CASES OF REFUGEES WERE STILL BEING ACCEPTED FROM TIME TO TIME FROM AMONG THOSE HOLDERS OF ROC PASSPORTS

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